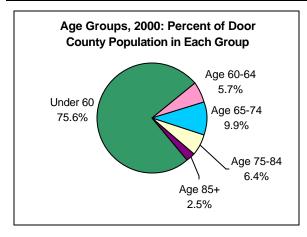
Door County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Door County is much higher than that of the state as a whole (18.7% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (14.8% versus 7.9%). In all, 5,235 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 690 of these are age 85 or older. Door County's average (or median) age is 42.9 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Door County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	27,961		25,690		2,271	8.8%
Persons 60 and over	6,824	24.4%	5,905	23.0%	919	15.6%
Persons 65 and over	5,235	18.7%	4,559	17.7%	676	14.8%
Persons 85 and over	690	2.5%	524	2.0%	166	31.7%



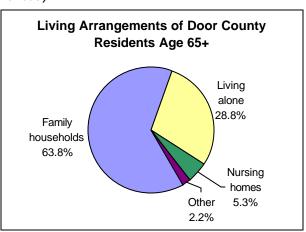
Race:

A large majority (99.5%) of Door County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Door County African Americans have a median age of 20.5 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 26.4 years. Whites, in contrast, average 43.3 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 11,828 households in Door County, 3,552 include at least one person age 65 or older (30.0% of all households). A total of 3,389 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 84.3% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (63.8%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 28.8% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 2.5% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 276 people age 65 and older live in Door County nursing homes (5.3% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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